



The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear flock:

Next Thursday is the nation's Thanksgiving Day, into whose spirit Catholics should enter even more than others for they are reminded more than others of the goodness of God and of His beneficent providence.

All people should be habitually grateful, because even when they are not receiving palpable favors from a positive way they are at least being helped negatively. We do not think sufficiently of the misfortunes that could befall us. When we recently sympathized with the people who were visited by the terrific tornado in Florida and read about the destruction of beautiful homes and institutions quite recently completed did it occur to any of you that a similar disaster could overtake yourselves and your property wherever you are? What a terrible misfortune it would be if the city of New York were destroyed by earthquake and tidal wave, which usually go together! Since Almighty God could send such a visitation every inhabitant of that great city as well as every person in the land should express occasional gratitude that He has not permitted such a calamity.

But the special intention of our Presidents, past and present, in designating a day of thanksgiving is to express both individual and national gratitude to the Almighty for the prosperity which we who live in the United States enjoy.

While it is true that there are and always will be those who do not share this prosperity they are still far better off than the poor in other lands. Our country enjoys the largest per capita distribution of property; it leads the world industrially, it pays more for labor, and unemployment is not widespread. The people whose income is small pay nothing directly through national taxation. In most other countries there is not sufficient work for all the people and the wage paid for labor is very small despite the fact that the cost of living is not much lower than in our own country. Even when one's income is moderate a large portion of it is demanded by the Government in the form of taxes. In other lands only the well-to-do have automobiles. Therefore, we should join our voices to the chorus of praise and thanksgiving which President Coolidge would have us send on high next Thursday in the name of America.

We should, if possible, attend Mass and offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which has its name from the *thanksgiving* idea which pervades it. *Gloria in Excelsis* is a hymn of thanksgiving. The *Deo Gratias* is a frequent response during the Mass. Before the Preface the priest prays "Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God," to which the people answer "It is meet and just." Then follows the Preface, which is a song of thanksgiving and praise.

Of course, there are higher things to be thankful for than material things. The Church always lays special emphasis on this idea. But the world outside the Catholic Church knows nothing of what we have in the possession of supernatural Grace, what we have in the Mass, in Holy Communion, in the other Sacraments.

You have often heard that one of the reasons why people do not seem to enjoy the constant inter-benefits is that they are not grateful for what they have received. We are told in Holy Scripture that much will be expected from him to whom much has been given. This is only natural. People should be grateful in proportion to the favors they have received; and since the greatest blessing that you or I have received from God is the true Faith with its very definite teaching and obligations, the least we could be expected to do is to be grateful to Almighty God and to show it by forming our lives in accordance with the Church's demands which are the demands of Christ Himself.

Almighty God could never be satisfied when Catholics are only just as good as other people. He has a right to expect that they will be eminently better and that they will seek to lead others to

THANK YOU!

We appreciate the prompt action of the pastors and people in sending us the renewals of subscriptions.

Bishop M. J. Hoban, of Scranton, Pa., Dies

Pneumonia Causes Prelate's Death—Held in High Esteem by Coal Miners.

Scranton, Pa.—Bishop M. J. Hoban, of the Scranton Catholic diocese, died here recently of pneumonia. He had been ill since Sunday. Earlier in the night priests and nuns had gathered at his bedside and offered prayers when physicians said he could not recover. Bishop Hoban was 73 years old.

Bishop Hoban gained wide prominence because of his activities in behalf of the miners in the anthracite coal regions, by whom he was regarded as a welfare as well as a spiritual leader. His interest in the miners was second only to that in his church and diocese, and his relations with the coal workers was such that his influence had a beneficial effect upon the lives of people of many faiths.

During the World War Bishop Hoban appealed to the people of his diocese to give all possible assistance to the government and he encouraged his priests to aid the men in service. He was born at Waterloo, N. Y., June 6, 1853. At the age of 14 he was sent to St. Francis Xavier College, New York, and after a year there he went to Holy Cross College. Concluding his college course at Fordham, he entered St. Charles' Seminary at Philadelphia, and then was sent to the American College at Rome, where he completed his theological course in 1880 and was ordained to the priesthood May 22 of that year by Cardinal Monaco La Valetta.

Returning to the United States he served various churches in Pennsylvania for 16 years. In March 1896, he was consecrated by Cardinal Satolli as titular bishop of Alalis and appointed coadjutor bishop of Scranton with right of succession. He became head of the diocese on the death of Bishop O'Hara in 1899.

Catholic Noblemen Must Be Apostles, Prince Aloys Says

Cologne—Every Catholic nobleman and noblewoman should be something of an apostle, setting the proper example in dress, dancing and observance of the Commandments, Prince Aloys of Loewenstein, president of the German Catholic Assemblies, declares in an essay he has just written on the place of the Catholic nobility of Germany in the life of the State and the masses after the war.

Prince Aloys participated in the Twenty-eighth Eucharistic Congress held at Chicago last June.

"I may not mention all the callings open to nobility," Prince Aloys says in one part of his essay. "Nor do I name that highest and noblest of all callings—that of the priesthood. That more than any other is a gift of the grace of God. But I dare hope that God, with His grace, does not pass over our class to find hearts open to receive His grace."

"Something of the apostle should be in every Catholic nobleman and noblewoman. In most Catholic families of the nobility the religious training of the children is better and deeper than among the families of other classes, especially in the towns. To live according to our Faith is the duty of every Catholic. Therefore we noblemen must not forget that we are living upon mountains and are visible far and wide."

"It is according to our example that the fashion in dress and dancing will be judged and reformed. The same is true of attendance at church, observance of the Commandments of abstinence and fasting, the duties of charity and confession of the Faith. If we give bad example it will be imitated enthusiastically. If we give good example it will not be so readily imitated, but it will not be without influence."

"Nobility has the qualities of leadership and an inclination toward it. Let us use this to carry into all the world, or at least into our environment, the good—that is, apostles. 'Were I to give a form to the task and duty of the nobility in the life of the state and the people in the post-war period I should say: The Catholic nobility must present the officers for the army of the highest Commander and King—Jesus Christ.'"

glorify the Father Who is in Heaven by letting the light of their Faith and works shine. Let every one of our readers resolve to show a grateful heart to Almighty God by living in accordance with conviction.

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Bishop Noll Dedicates Immaculate Conception Church, Whiting, Today

Impressive Services to Be Held in Slovak Parish Organized in 1922—Rev. John J. Lach Zealous Pastor of Congregation.



REV. JOHN J. LACH

Dedication of Immaculate Conception Slovak church, Whiting, Ind., will be the occasion of most impressive services today, Rt. Rev. John J. Noll, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne officiating. The prelate will be assisted at the solemnities by the zealous pastor Rev. John J. Lach, besides local and visiting priests. Great interest centers in the event and the dedicatory ceremonies will be attended by the entire congregation.

on Christmas, 1924. From April 26, 1925 to May 30, 1926, the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood from St. Joseph's Preparatory Seminary, Collegeville, Ind., performed the pastoral duties, Father Kosko leaving for Europe on account of ill health. Rev. John J. Lach transferred from Knox, Ind., served as pastor pro tem from May 30 to July 21 of the current year and was then duly appointed pastor by Bishop Noll.

Through the efforts of Father Lach, Rt. Rev. Paul Jantusch, Bishop of Trnava, Czechoslovakia, visited Immaculate Conception church, Whiting, where he conducted services and delivered a sermon on Monday night, June 28, 1926. Attendance on this occasion taxed the seating capacity of the church. It was a notable event, the first time that a bishop, especially one of the nationality of the parishioners, had officiated in the church.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Blessing of the exterior and interior of the sacred edifice by the Bishop will be followed by the celebration of solemn High Mass, Coram Episcopo (in the presence of the Bishop) by Rev. John J. Lach; Rev. Benedict Rajany will be assistant priest; Rev. Morbert Felden and Rev. T. Jansen, deacons of honor to Bishop Noll; Rev. A. Sueck, deacon of the Mass; Rev. James Fitzgerald, subdeacon; Rev. Sieberger, Master of ceremonies; Rev. Gregory K. Vanisak will preach the dedicatory sermon. Bishop Noll will also address the congregation on this occasion.

The history of the parish covering a period of over four years is replete with interest and is a record of persevering effort on the part of clergy and laity. Many of the members formerly attended St. John's church, at Robertdale, Hammond, but since they resided the other side of the line in Whiting were desirous of organizing a parish in that city. Accordingly the local Slovak Catholics organized Aug. 13, 1922, and elected officers. Joseph J. Manach was chosen chairman of the board; Joseph J. Kovack, secretary and Michael Kovack, Sr., treasurer.

An excellent spirit was manifested by the members of the organization who contributed generously and devoted considerable time in their efforts preparatory to the establishment of the parish. With a substantial amount of money in the treasury, the members in February, 1923, decided to purchase a site for the erection of a new church. Trustees temporarily elected were: Joseph Masura, Louis Kapitani, Anton Brecka, John Dubek, Stephen Dado, Sr., Joseph Polinak, Andrew Cengel, John Ruman, Andrew Kaipach and Emil Dedinsky.

Shortly after the selection of trustees the building site was purchased from Henry Schrage, Sr., at a cost of \$25,000. This property is recorded at Crown Point, Ind., as Block Three, Central Addition to Whiting, Lake County, Indiana.

Catholic Flag For British Empire

London, Nov. 10.—A Catholic flag for the British Empire is a proposal put forward this week by "Universe," which submits a number of designs for comment.

The French Canadians have a Catholic flag of their own which displays the Sacred Heart, supported by maple leaves in the center of a white cross on a blue ground with fleurs-de-lis in the corners. An adaptation of an old French flag.

In August under the direction of the new pastor many needed improvements were made in the school preparatory to its opening the following month. Desks were installed, class rooms and corridors equipped with electrical fixtures, furnishings supplied for the quarters to be occupied by the sisters and a beautiful chapel provided for them. August 22, 1926 the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius of Sacred Heart Villa, Danville, Pa., were engaged to take charge of the school. They occupy the right side of the second floor of the school building and have 10 rooms. School opened September 8, 1926 with High Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost. A total of 372 pupils are now in attendance. This is the first year that a school is conducted in the parish although plans were provided for it on the second and third floors when the building was erected in 1924.

With the exception of a half hour daily which is devoted to the study of the Slovak language, the curriculum of the school is entirely English. It is deemed fitting that English should be the language of the school, since the parishioners are loyal citizens of America and are earning a livelihood in this country. Since Slovak is their mother tongue the children are instructed in it only to the extent of being familiar with the language.

Eight societies established in the parish have been very active and have contributed liberally toward the school, some of them giving as high as \$350. They include the following: Frva K. S. Chlapcka Jednota ciso 702; Prya K. S. Zenska Jednota ciso 452; Sokoli, sbor 111; K. Sokolci, Venice 81; Pannenske Odelenie, ciso 348; Mladenecke Odelenie, ciso 437; Young Girls' sodality; St. Aloysius Altar society.

Rev. John J. Lach, pastor of Immaculate Conception church, Whiting, Ind., was the celebrant of the first Mass in the new church at midnight.

Two Barristers Who Have Become Priests

London.—Father J. B. Marshall, who has this week been appointed a canon of the Northampton cathedral chapter, was a practicing barrister before his ordination.

Another former barrister who is a priest today is Mgr. E. J. Watson, who was called to the bar as long ago as 1871 and is one of the oldest barristers in the country.

Charity to Profit By Football Game

Chicago.—Chicago Cardinals and the Kansas City Cowboys, members of the National Professional football league, will play their annual game at Soldier's field, Nov. 28, under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy. All proceeds of the game will be turned over to the Sisters of Mercy Building fund.

Bids will be asked for the boxes which will be auctioned off with Sister Mary Patricia directing the sale.

RECOVERY OF SACRED RELIC OF ST. ANNE, AFTER LATEST FIRE, JOY TO CATHOLIC WORLD

Quebec, P. Q.—To the joy and gratification of the Catholic faithful throughout the world, announcement was made today that the sacred wristbone of Saint Anne de Beauspre had been preserved from the fire that razed the temporary basilica of the famous church there recently. The holy relic, together with several others, had been locked in a vault in the sacristy before the building took fire and was found to be merely scorched when taken from the safe many hours later.

A number of valuable paintings, including the celebrated "Le Pelegrin Raney" valued at \$50,000, several statues and many smaller and less widely known relics also were found to be intact. The Sacred Host, the noted Statue of Saint Anne, which stood in the church, and the ancient bell were lost. The material loss is estimated at \$500,000.

The permanent basilica, being built on an adjacent plot to replace the one burned down in 1922, was only slightly damaged. The origin of the fire, which was discovered by Brother Fidel of the Redemptorists, who slept in the vestry, has not been determined. Known as the "Lourdes of America,"

the Basilica and Shrine of Saint Anne de Beauspre, in the little village of Beauspre, not far from the capital of Quebec, is the most famous in the New World. Miraculous cures beyond all computation have been effected there, and pilgrims from all over the United States and Canada gather there annually for observance of the feast of Saint Anne, July 26. During Holy Year, 1925, more than 200,000 of the faithful visited the famous shrine, there to pray at the basilica and thus obtain the same indulgences as were offered for visiting any basilica in Europe.

It was somewhat more than four years ago that fire swept through the old basilica, destroying everything except the statue of the Mother of the Blessed Virgin. The statue was subsequently removed to a niche above the portals of the temporary basilica, a wooden structure, which served the vast throngs of pilgrims during Holy Year. The old "Virgin's Bell," which then crashed from the balcony of the burning building without breaking, also was swung above the wooden structure, where it continued to peal out the hours as it had for nearly three centuries before.

Irish Protestants Assist St. Vincent Society Haul Coal

Dublin.—Messrs. Wordie & Co., Carriers, and Messrs. Eason & Son, Publishers, two leading non-Catholic business firms in Dublin, have furnished free transport for timber to the St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Fuel Depot at City Quay, from which the poor who are unable to obtain coal owing to the fuel famine are being supplied.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has sold 500 tons of coal on behalf of the Borough Commissioners of Dublin. This coal was sold at 80 cents a bag, which was the actual cost price. The Board of Works had the coal in their possession as a reserve for over twelve months, and handed it to the Dublin Commissioners a couple of weeks ago. The next lot of coal to be distributed in the same way cannot be sold at less than \$1.25 a bag, as the Dublin Commissioners have been obliged to purchase it at the present inflated prices.

The town of Cashel, Tipperary, has had no coal for more than three weeks. The price of turf in the town has risen from \$2 to \$10 a horse load. Coal merchants in Dublin City who are usually engaged in fighting the Irish Transport and General Workers Trades Union, are now giving the union the free use of motor lorries for the organization of cheap fuel supplies. The coal mines at Arigna, Leitrim County, and at Castlecomer, Kilkenny, are working at high pressure. None of the coal is being exported. At Arigna, which is not far from the Ulster border, it is understood that the export of coal from the Free State would lead to immediate prohibition of further export by the Minister for Industry and Commerce. Merchants from the Six Counties have made many attempts to obtain supplies from Arigna.

Silver Jubilee of the Kneipp Sanitarium

On Thanksgiving day, November 25th, the Sisters of the Precious Blood at the Kneipp Sanitarium, Rome City, Indiana, will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the institution.

Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Noll of Ft. Wayne will deliver the sermon and after the services will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to several converts and a number of children from the neighboring village.

Dinner will be served to the guests at 1 o'clock, and at 3:30 P. M. an entertainment will be given in the parlors of the Sanitarium. Supper will be served at 6:30 P. M.

A short sketch of the Kneipp Sanitarium will be found on page eight.

CATHOLIC LADIES HAVE FINE BAZAAR AT BLUFFTON

The Catholic ladies had a very successful bazaar Wednesday in the G. A. R. hall. Cafeteria dinner and supper was served. In the doll contest the first prize was awarded to Betty Berling. The other contestants finished in the following order: Dorothy Leimbacher, Mary Elizabeth Russell, Florence Lytle, Vera Ward, Peggy Sands, Rose Mary Cashman, Donnae Wahman, Odella Geels, Marcella Schroeder, and Pauline Cashman. In the distribution of the other prizes the electric percolating set was awarded to Jesse Barrington of Duneto; the eight-day clock to Mary Schraus of Fort Wayne; luncheon set to Lucy Wall of Bluffton, and pillow cases to Maurice Neizer of Fort Wayne.

PEWS AT CATHEDRAL INSTALLED BY DECEMBER 8

Announcement is made that the new pews purchased for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, will be installed and ready for occupancy Wednesday, December 8. This is the Patronal Feast of the Cathedral. Devotion of the Forty Hours postponed from October 3-5, pending installation of the pews will be held December 12-14.

Pope Contributed \$100,000 to Irish College in Rome

Dublin.—His Holiness the Pope contributed two million lire, about one hundred thousand dollars, towards the cost of building the new Irish College which has just been opened in Rome. About fifty thousand dollars was collected in Ireland, and this, together with the sum received for the old building, defrayed most of the expenses of the transfer.

The College has been formally opened under the Rectorship of the Right Rev. Magr. Hagan. In October of next year elaborate ceremonies will take place at the College, to mark the centenary of the foundation of the original Irish College in Rome. In view of the comparative nearness of these ceremonies, which is expected Cardinal O'Donnell will attend, the new College has begun work without any elaborate inauguration.

The College accommodates about one hundred students, as well as professors and chaplains.

Three Rites Unite In Showing Honor To Saint of Assisi

Constantinople—Three rites, the Latin, the Greek and the Armenian were used here during the celebrations of the seventh centennial of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. The ceremonies were held in the churches of the three branches of the Franciscan family, the Friars Minor, the Conventuals and the Capuchins and covered a period of several days, closing with a Pontifical High Mass in the Cathedral Basilica.

The ceremonies celebrated in the Greek Rite at St. Mary's church, drew a large attendance of Greek and Armenian Orthodox Christians. A splendid sermon on St. Francis was preached in Greek by Father Dionysius Varoneas, Vicar appointed by the Bishop to have charge of the spiritual welfare of the Greeks. The ceremonies in the Armenian rite also drew large crowds.

In accordance with the ancient custom of friendship between the Dominicans and Franciscans, one of the Solemn Masses was celebrated by the Dominicans, and the Rev. Peter Ganor, superior of the Dominicans, preached the sermon, describing St. Francis as a perfect imitator of Christ.

These ceremonies, illustrating the life of St. Francis, have made a deep impression on the dissident Christians of this district.

Notre Dame Men Hear Prosecutor

Prosecutor Samuel D. Jackson delivered an eloquent address before the annual dinner of the Fort Wayne alumni of Notre Dame University Saturday night at the Hotel Keenan. Attorney William P. Breen, alumni president, was toastmaster.

The victory of the Notre Dame football team over the Army Saturday and impromptu flow of Irish wit added to the gaiety of the occasion.

GIVE ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM AT ACADEMY

Combining the observance of Education week with Armistice Day, the young ladies of St. Catherine's Academy, St. Patrick's parish, Fort Wayne, presented a most attractive program on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 11, under the auspices of the Sisters of Providence. The Sisters chose Armistice Day as the basis of their program. "Rouge Bouquet" by Joyce Kilmer was quoted by Miss Mary Jacquay. The "History of Armistice Day" was reviewed by members of the class. Miss Hilda Hutchins reading entitled "The Graves of the Dead."

Current Catholic Events.

The memory of Msgr. Martin S. Brennan, priest scientist of St. Louis, Mo., professor of astronomy and geology at the Kenrick Seminary, is to be perpetuated in the Msgr. Brennan Memorial School and Auditorium, the first of a group of buildings, the cornerstone of which was laid recently by the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis. Msgr. Brennan, who had just passed his eighty-first birthday, was present to see his own memorial.

The second centenary of St. Aloysius will be attended by a pilgrimage of young men from twenty-five Catholic colleges and high schools in the Jesuit province of Maryland, N. Y., and from other Catholic schools and colleges throughout the country. The pilgrimage will leave New York on the steamship Berengaria, December 15, and will spend the Christmas week in Rome.

The Very Rev. Doctor McCafferty, President of Maynooth College, Dublin, views with alarm the falling off in membership in Catholic colleges in Ireland. He declares that the number of Freshmen entering Maynooth this year is the lowest in living memory.

The Catholic young women of Mexico have expressed their gratitude to the world for the prayers and consolations that have been offered in the time of sorrow for the Catholic Church in Mexico. A copy of the letter from the Catholic Women's League of Mexico to the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues in Utrecht, Holland, has just been received in Washington, D. C., by the National Council of Catholic Women.

Twenty-five religious, civil and social organizations, including Catholics, Jews and Protestants groups, took part in an Armistice Day meeting at Orchestra Hall, Chicago.

Two continents were represented in the first and second beatifications of this year when Holy Church wrote into the immortal book of her Blessed, the names of Father Michael Glibers, a learned Abyssinian doctor who renounced his schismatic faith and gave his life for the Church, and the names and heroism of eight Franciscan Minors and three Maronites who died at Damascus in 1880 following their refusal to embrace Mohammedanism.

St. Edward's Day, the feast of St. Edward the Confessor, whose tomb is in Westminster Abbey, London, which is now a Protestant church, was the occasion of a large pilgrimage of Catholics to the tomb of the sainted king. The authorities of the Abbey withdrew the usual admission fee, apparently without any Catholic request. There was no attempt to hold a Catholic service. Pilgrims knelt for a while in prayer and left quietly, their places being filled by a succession of others.

Three days of magnificent ceremonies in the Paris churches marked the celebration of the thirteenth centenary of the foundation of the famous abbey of St. Dennis.

An entire year of religious fraternal and social activities will be devoted by a San Francisco Council of

the Knights of Columbus to the observance of the Order's Silver Jubilee in California. On the opposite side of the continent, the New York K. of C.'s recently dedicated a \$3,500,000 club house and hotel located at the corner of 51st St. and 8th Ave.

An aftermath of the recent tragic fire in a moving picture theatre in County Limrick, Ireland, was the payment of \$70,000 to the families of the fire victims.

Excepting the war years, 1917-1918, the English birth rate for 1925 was the lowest recorded since the establishment of registration, according to a dispatch from London.

The Bishop of Salford, England, has just declared that the Catholic voters who prefer to exercise their right to vote with their party against the Catholic candidate must not be regarded as wanting in their duties as Catholics.

Msgr. Joseph Freri, Bishop of Constantia, long director of the Propagation of the Faith in the United States has recently received the Decoration of the Legion of Honor in Paris.

Sydney Southerland, son of a Methodist minister, born in America but reared in Mexico, is the author of a series of pungent articles appearing in recent numbers of Liberty, a magazine published in Chicago. According to his declaration, in latest article published, Mexican Masons, repudiated "for sufficient reasons," by American lodges, are leading the war on the Church in Mexico.

His Grace, the Archbishop of San Francisco, was host to over 200 clergymen of all denominations at a luncheon given in behalf of the San Francisco community chest, at the Convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

The Very Rev. Msgr. John Roger, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, San Francisco, opened the doors of a new home for unemployed men, providing accommodations for 250 guests at a time.

Stones of two unfinished churches which stood in the Bowes Museum Park, Durham, England, for half a century are being used in the construction of a new Catholic Church at Bernard Castle.

Spiritual healing of physical infirmities will be the bait held out to poor sufferers in a determined effort to spread spiritism in the squalid parts of South London, England.

The Schuberts, celebrated producers of operas and operettas, will present "Sargasso: a Submarine Fantasy," an operetta written by Chester Du Choe, a 1924 graduate of the College of Journalism of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

The exiled King and Queen of Portugal, who live at Twickenham, England, acted as sponsors at a Confirmation ceremony recently held at the parish of St. James when Cardinal Bourne officiated.

Priest Artist Decorates Church In San Francisco

San Francisco.—In the Church of St. Paul of the Shipwreck, this city, there has recently been completed a decoration of the Sanctuary with a very beautiful triptych of St. Paul, as well as the decoration of a chapel dedicated to St. Anthony.

Both of these works are from the brush of Father Luigi Sciochetti, a Roman artist of distinction, who is making a short stay in California. Father Sciochetti is also a "Professor," being a graduate of the Italian Ministry of Fine Arts, working for a number of years under the guidance of Ludovico Seitz, Director of the Vatican Museums, and has been employed in the basilicas of Loreto and of St. Anthony of Padua.

Munich Tries Novel Chapel Experiment

Munich.—Complete success has attended the experiment initiated in this city by installing a chapel in the principal railroad station to enable travelers to hear Mass on Sundays. This station chapel, which is unique in Germany, was made possible through the cooperation of His Eminence Cardinal Faulhaber, Father Rupert Mayer, S.J., and above all by the station-master, who not only placed a first-class waiting room at their disposal, but who frequently serves the early Sunday Mass himself.

Harp Recital At St. Mary's

A harp recital by Edythe Marion Brosius of Washington, D. C., was enjoyed by the students and faculty of Saint Mary's College and Academy the evening of Nov. 2, in St. Angela's hall. Mrs. Brosius interpreted each piece for her audience before playing, in order to increase their appreciation of the composition. The artist's technique was excellent, and her harmonics were very clear and bell-like. The outstanding selections on the program were: "La Priere" by Hasselman, "In a Garden" by Schuetze, "The Song of the Volga Boatman," and the "Chinese Serenade."

Ring Stolen From Card. Dougherty's Home Surrendered

Phila.—Displaying a costly diamond ring, stolen from the residence of His Eminence Cardinal Dougherty, a negro, describing himself as James Bidwood, 24 years old, of Lombard Street, this city, walked into Detective Bureau headquarters yesterday. The man said he had found the ring at 22nd and Spring Garden streets.

Lieut. Benz and Detectives Doyle and Camitte, who have been searching for the missing ring since the home of Cardinal Dougherty was robbed recently, recognized it immediately and placed the negro under arrest.

Irish Jesuits Go To China To Open New High School

Dublin.—The Rev. George Byrne, S. J., and the Rev. John Neary, S. J., have left Dublin for China. The Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong, Monsignor M. Valtora, invited the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus to open a high school and hostel for Chinese students in that city. Fathers Byrne and Neary have gone to take the first steps in the foundation. They will be followed by other Irish Jesuits during the year.

Fr. J. McIlhenny Dead In Chicago

Chicago.—The Rev. John L. McIlhenny, formerly of the diocese of Omaha, and for more than two years a patient at St. Anthony's hospital, Denver, died here Oct. 15, while returning to the Colorado Capital after attending the funeral of his father in Philadelphia.

Papal Order for Purser

New York.—G. Vingeholts, purser of the Red Star liner Pennland, has been awarded the gold medal and ribbon of the Order "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" by His Holiness Pope Pius XI, for his attentions to prelates en route to the Eucharistic Congress last June.

ENGLISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FACING GRAVE SITUATION

Many Buildings Put On the Black List By Educational Board.

London.—The Catholic school outlook here is regarded by Bishop W. F. Brown, as one of "the utmost seriousness and gravity," to school managers. Bishop Brown is one of the most noted education authorities in the country. Under existing laws voluntary schools (Catholic parochial schools are in this category) which are "recognized" and maintained out of public funds, must provide their own buildings and bear the cost of structural alterations.

The Board of Education has power to demand alterations and to condemn school buildings in default. Some months ago the Board put upon the "black list," as a preliminary to possible condemnation, a large number of schools with a total roll of 500,000 children.

It is completely impossible in many cases to carry out the Board's demands. Some of the black-listed schools are council schools and in many of these cases the public authorities, with the rates behind them, are unable to find money to make the structural improvements demanded.

"It is obvious," said Bishop Brown this week, "that the burden upon voluntary school managers, who have only private resources at their disposal, is very much greater, and the difficulty that stands in the way of the improvement of their buildings is in many cases almost insuperable."

CLOSING OF SCHOOLS CALAMITY.

In these circumstances the Minister of Education, Lord Eustace Percy, has wisely shown a disposition to negotiate a settlement. Any drastic action closing the black-listed schools would make matters worse, because the public authorities could not, in most cases, find accommodation for the children who would be thrown upon their hands.

Lord Eustace Percy expressed some time ago his willingness to promote legislation making it lawful for local authorities to contribute to the structural improvement of voluntary schools in their areas, without imposing a change in the management of the schools. But he would do this only if a large number of authorities expressed their agreement, and so far only a few authorities have fallen in line.

Bishop Brown, commenting on the situation this week, said he feared there was no immediate prospect of any Parliamentary legislation on the question. The outlook was indeed one of the utmost seriousness to managers of Catholic schools, he said. They were being pressed by local authorities and by the Board of Education to put their buildings in order. Certain smaller local authorities might not press the Catholic schools so urgently, as they were themselves unable to carry out the Board's requirements.

PRESSURE ON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

But in large towns, where the local authorities had substantial funds and were carrying out the improvement demands by the Board, the pressure upon the Catholic schools would be correspondingly heavy and the amount of money involved would be enormous, said the Bishop.

Cardinal Bourne, in his presidential address at the National Catholic Congress the other day, submitted a scheme on his own initiative which, if adopted, would revolutionize the existing system. It would call for a per capita grant from the state for each child on the roll. There has been no public discussion of this scheme since it was unfolded, but it is engaging the earnest consideration of Catholic educationists all over the country. It will in due course receive the attention of the Catholic Educational Council, a body of experts who advise the hierarchy on educational matters.

The difficulties facing Catholic elementary education are so serious today that something will have to be done to relieve the tension.

Indiana Catholics Launch Historical Society in State

Indianapolis, Ind.—Rev. Dr. Gilbert J. Garraghan, S. J., research professor of history at St. Louis University, was the principal speaker at the assembly of clergy and laymen at Giltault Hall, Terre Haute, Indiana, last week when the Indiana Catholic Historical Society was launched into vigorous existence. Much Catholic history was enacted in Indiana in early times, and an almost undue proportion of our Catholic history of today centers about that state. The new society will see that what is most precious in these activities shall not be forgotten. With the zealous interest of former Judge James E. Deery, Messrs. McGowan and Mooney, of Dean F. J. Gorman, Monsignor Jos. E. Hamill, Fathers Albert G. Wicks, Clement Thienes and many others who were present, the success of the society is assured.

Father Garraghan's talk was practical. His familiarity with various historical societies, and his acquaintance with all the best kept archives both of Europe and America made his discourse unusually appropriate.

The mines may not be working but the operators and miners are still using screens.

The New Yorker who burnt his landlord's house probably wanted to know how a fire in it would feel.

Papal Concordat With Jugo-Slavia May Be Epochal

Belgrade, Oct. 25.—The news that the Belgrade Government is negotiating a new concordat with the Holy See, and that one of the principal clauses of this agreement will substitute the Slav for the Latin liturgy in Jugo-Slavia has made a tremendous impression on the Catholics of this country and those of the other Balkan states, as well as among the dissident Orthodox churches. It is believed to be the greatest step in the direction of Church unity yet taken, for it has long been one of the desiderata of the Slav Catholics of the Balkans. In any case it is expected to clear away one of the barriers separating Slav Catholics and the Roman Church and to facilitate a rapprochement between the Schismatic Orthodox Church and the Holy See.

One of the great obstacles in the way of a reunion of the Churches is the fear of Latinization entertained by the Eastern Churches. They are strongly attached to their traditional rites and liturgy. On the other hand, there are many who are in favor of union with Rome.

Concordat With Montenegro. In 1886 the Vatican concluded a concordat with Montenegro, permitting the Monengrin Catholics to retain the Slav liturgy. This concordat produced a real sensation among the Slav Catholics of the other Balkan states, who hastened to petition the Holy See to grant them the same privilege.

Shortly before the outbreak of the World War, the Holy See signed a concordat with Serbia in which the Serbian Government placed the Catholic faith on a most equitable and favorable basis. This concordat, however, never went into effect. War broke out, and when it was over the Versailles treaty established the Kingdom of Jugo-Slavia which took the place of the former Kingdom of Serbia.

If the new concordat provides for the use of the Slav liturgy, the fact will be of the utmost significance. For some time there has been noticeable in Russia a strong current in favor of Catholicism. Nothing could be more favorable to this movement than the granting of permission to the Orthodox to retain their own liturgy, and it is confidently believed that the Holy See would grant to the Catholics of

Russia the same privileges accorded the Catholics of Jugo-Slavia. The plans of Pope Leo XIII and of his successors, calling for the reunion of the members of Schismatic and dissident Churches with Rome through the termination of the schism of Photius would seem to be one step nearer fulfillment. Pope Pius XI has announced that the reunion of the Churches is one of the cherished dreams of his Pontificate. The wonderful work of the Papal Relief Mission in Russia, the appointment of the Rev. Michael d'Herbigny, S. J., to minister to the Catholics of Russia, and the unflinching encouragement and support given by the Holy Father to every work undertaken in behalf of Church unity have cleared away many misapprehensions and paved the way for a rapprochement.

There is every evidence that a promising future awaits the Catholic Church in the Balkans and in Russia. From the point of view of Church unity, therefore, the new Jugo-Slav concordat is a matter of utmost importance, and the announcement of its terms is anxiously awaited by the dissident Churches as well as those in union with Rome.

French Navy Aid To Spread Faith, Card. Dubois Says

Paris.—The president and members of the Board of Directors of the French Maritime and Colonial League, and several Admirals recently visited the archiepiscopal residence of Paris to present to Cardinal Dubois the great gold medal of the League. M. Rondet-Saint, president general, declared that the League wished to show its appreciation of the interest taken by Cardinal Dubois in its work and the aid which he has given it in Catholic circles.

His Eminence replied that he not merely considered it a duty to be interested in the welfare of the Navy, which is one of the elements of the prosperity of the nation, but that in his opinion, from the religious point of view, the Navy is a valuable auxiliary in the development of civilization and the propagation of the Faith. It is because of this, he said, that he encourages the teachers and students of Catholic schools to interest themselves in naval and colonial affairs.

Church Protector Of Mexican Poor, Protestant Says

Philadelphia.—The Catholic Church civilized Mexico and is the only institution which "ever did anything for the submerged 80 per cent," and it is because that Church today is opposing graft and exploitation of the poor of the country that it is attacked by Calles and his regime, Thomas Robinson Dawley, Jr., of New York, said in an address here Sunday night.

Mr. Dawley is a Protestant and a New York newspaper man. He has spent several years in Mexico. He spoke at the fortnightly forum of the Catholic Alumni Society of Philadelphia, in St. Joseph's Church, and was introduced by James A. Flaherty, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

"It is as a result of the contemptible warfare on the Catholic Church," said the speaker, "which has been going on under the so-called reform laws of the patriot Juarez, that the country has now drifted back into barbarism, banditry and highway robbery."

The propaganda which the present government is sending out all over the world to discredit the Catholic Church is to silence opponents of the exploitation of the poor. It is not a new story. It began several hundred years ago, soon after the conquest of Mexico, and has been breaking out in one form or another intermittently ever since.

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